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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2005, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2005

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend James Brinkerhoff, Campus Minister, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, offered the following prayer:

Our Father in Heaven, surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket to You; they are regarded as dust on the scales. To whom, then, will we compare You? You are enthroned above all things, and so we acknowledge You and give You our praise and adoration.

Father, our Nation is woven into the tapestry of Your will. You have empowered our Nation; You have held us closely to Your heart; You have been gentle with us in times of crisis. And so it is with joy and confidence that we approach You today.

Father, please protect President and Mrs. Bush and continue to reward their hope in You. Please give strength to our men and women who are fighting overseas, and guard the hearts and minds of their families back home. Please empower the servants of this House, grant them times of renewal, and watch over their families. Father, remind us all that we are loved by You.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PALLONE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND JAMES BRINKERHOFF

(Mr. ADERHOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our guest chaplain, Mr. James Sanford Brinkerhoff. Jim has served selflessly as a campus minister on the Auburn University campus for 22 years, working with the Auburn Church of Christ and Auburn Christian Student Center.

Auburn University is the largest university in the State of Alabama and is therefore a crucial component of Alabama's educational system. Jim works very hard to ensure that, in addition to receiving outstanding education, Auburn students are exposed to the teachings of Jesus.

Through campus ministry, Jim has impacted the lives of many through counseling, teaching, service, and friendship. Students with whom he has worked now stretch across the globe with a common affection and respect for this man.

Jim is joined this morning by his wife, Mary, and their three children, Amy, Anna and Ben. I appreciate the prayer that Reverend Brinkerhoff offered this morning; and the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ROGERS), who represents the Third Congressional District, and I are honored to have him as our guest in the United States House of Representatives, especially on this day as we celebrate the National Day of Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The Chair will entertain up to 10 one-minute speeches per side.

WINNING THE WAR ON TERROR

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, our servicemen and -women are winning the war on terror. Yesterday, U.S. and coalition forces arrested al Qaeda's third highest ranking member.

Two years ago, the world saw the statues of Saddam Hussein come tumbling down as Iraqis celebrated their first taste of freedom in over a generation. Look at the progress Members may not have read about in the newspapers: 8.5 million Iraqis defied terrorists and voted in a historic election

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